

# Exhibit 28

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID H. BOUCHARD**

I, David H. Bouchard, swear that the information set forth in the following paragraphs is true and correct:

1. My name is David H. Bouchard. I am a member of in good standing of the Georgia Bar. My bar number is 712859.
2. I am a partner at Finch McCranie, LLP, located at 229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 2500, Atlanta, GA 30030. Before joining Finch McCranie, LLP, I worked as a lawyer at Jones Day for eight years.
3. I am lead counsel for Plaintiff in the matter *JG v. Northbrook Industries Inc., d/b/a United Inn and Suites*, No. 1:20-cv-05233-SEG.
4. I prepared the attached chart entitled, "Plaintiffs' Attorneys' Fees Resulting from Defendant's Discovery Negligence," after reviewing and compiling the time I devoted to the tasks enumerated in the chart.
5. The attached chart is a true and correct statement of the time I devoted to addressing and litigating Defendant's discovery negligence up to and including the filing of Plaintiff's motion for sanctions and memorandum in support. The attached chart does not include any time to be spent on a reply brief in support of Plaintiff's motion.
6. I am lead counsel in two related cases against United Inn & Suites (*A.G. v. United Inn*, Case No. 1:20-cv-05231-JPB, and *G.W. v. United Inn*, Case No. 1:20-cv-05232-JPB). Those cases involve a substantially similar discovery dispute. Judge Boulee has authorized Plaintiff to file a motion for sanctions in those cases but has asked the parties to first attempt mediation of the discovery dispute with a U.S. Magistrate Judge. The plaintiffs in those related cases have moved for Judge Boulee to refer the cases to a U.S. Magistrate Judge for mediation of the discovery dispute.
7. Some of the work set forth in the attached chart was to address Defendant's discovery negligence in the *J.G.* matter and in the related *A.G.* and *G.W.* matters. To avoid recovering attorneys' fees for the same work multiple times, I have identified certain tasks that applied to all three cases and divided by 1/3, as indicated in the attached chart.
8. The hourly rate reflected in the attached chart is \$650. I have charged a range of rates in my career as a lawyer at Jones Day and at Finch McCranie, LLP working on a variety of matters, including business litigation, tort litigation, and federal criminal litigation. Considering the range of rates I have charged on those matters, as well as the market rates for a lawyer with my experience, the \$650 rate in the chart is a modest and

reasonable rate. I have been and am involved with now other matters where my rate is materially higher.

9. The attached chart does not account for significant time devoted by another Firm lawyer and a Firm administrative support person to addressing and litigating Defendant's discovery negligence.
10. The fees set forth in the attached chart are reasonable and they fairly and accurately reflect the time I spent working to address and litigate Defendant's discovery negligence up to and including filing the motion for sanctions and the memorandum in support.
11. I also prepared the attached chart entitled, "Plaintiff's Expenses Resulting from Defendant's Discovery Negligence." The expenses set forth in that chart are true and correct, after being divided by 1/3 for the reasons explained above. Further, the expenses are reasonable because they reflect the costs incurred after re-hiring a court reporter and a videographer as a result of Defendant's discovery negligence.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:



David H. Bouchard

Sworn and signed before me

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

  
Notary Public

(affix seal)



**Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees Resulting from Defendant's Discovery Negligence**

<b><u>Task</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Time</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u> <u>(\$650/hour)</u></b>
Drafted and sent emails to Defendant's counsel re Defendant's discovery negligence; reviewed and responded to Defendant's counsel emails re the same. <i>[Exhibits 3 - 20]</i>	4.0*	
Drafted and served supplemental discovery requests in February 2023 necessitated by Defendant's negligence in responding to Plaintiff's September 2022 requests. <i>[Exhibits 4, 4a, 4b]</i>	1.5*	
Drafted motion for discovery extension and corresponding proposed order resulting from Defendant's discovery negligence. <i>[Doc. 50, Doc. 50-1]</i>	1.5	
Prepared for and re-opened depositions of Defendant's 30(b)(6) representative, owner, and manager on May 2, 2023, following Defendant's April 20, 2023 production of 3,500 pages, including the hottest in the case. <i>[Deposition preparation included re-reviewing Defendant's earlier depositions, document production, and discovery responses, which, on some key issues, materially conflicted with Defendant's late production and responses.]</i>	5.0*	
Prepared for and participated in phone calls with Defendant's counsel re Defendant's discovery negligence. <i>[Phone calls on 3/30/23; 5/9/23; 5/30/23]</i>	3.0	
Drafted and sent communications to Court regarding discovery dispute. Drafted and submitted discovery dispute statement to Court. <i>[Exhibit 16]</i>	3.0*	
Prepared for and participated in telephonic conference with Court re discovery dispute statement. <i>[Doc. 72]</i>	2.5*	
Drafted and filed motion for sanctions and memorandum in support.	35.0 <i>[Exclusive of any time to be spent on reply brief]</i>	
	<b>55.5**</b>	<b>\$36,075</b>

\*Plaintiff's counsel is litigating two related cases against United Inn & Suites (*A.G. v. United Inn*, Case No. 1:20-cv-05231-JPB, and *G.W. v. United Inn*, Case No. 1:20-cv-05232-JPB), and those cases involve a substantially similar discovery dispute. Judge Boulee has authorized Plaintiff to file a motion for sanctions in those cases but has asked the parties to first attempt mediation with a U.S. Magistrate Judge. To avoid recovering attorneys' fees for the same work multiple times, Plaintiff has identified certain tasks that applied to all three cases and divided by 1/3.

\*\*Total time only reflects hours worked because of Defendant's discovery negligence by the primary lawyer on the case, David Bouchard. Total time does not include associate time or administrative staff time.

**Plaintiff's Expenses Resulting from Defendant's Discovery Negligence**

Hired court reporter and videographer for re-opened depositions on May 2, 2023	N/A	\$1,025.16*
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\*Total cost of transcripts (\$1,975.50) and videos (\$1,100.00) was \$3,075.50. To avoid recovering for the same expenses multiple times in the three cases against United Inn, Plaintiff has divided the expenses by 1/3.